

FISCAL NOTE

SB 341 - HB 769

February 10, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Requires the Water Quality Control Board and the Air Pollution Control Board to hear appeals from any citizen for the purpose of reviewing the denial or issuance of permits, penalties or damages assessed, permit revocations or modifications; and (2) Allows any person to file a signed complaint against another person allegedly violating any provisions of the Air Quality Act.

Currently the Water Quality Control Board is authorized to hold hearings when requested by the permit holder or applicant. This bill would allow third-party appeals of permit decisions within the air pollution and water pollution programs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$145,500

Cost estimates represent an estimated increase in appeals of permit decisions rendered by the Air Pollution Control Board and the Water Quality Control Board. Currently the Air Pollution Control Board renders an average of 1700 permit decisions per year. The Water Quality Control Board renders an average of 400 permit decisions per year. It is estimated that 10% of the above decisions will be appealed resulting in a significant increase in the number of meeting days required to hear such appeals, (85 @ \$1,500 per day for the Air Pollution Control Board, 20 @ \$900 per day for the Water Quality Control Board).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director